UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: January 29, 1965

FROM : J. A. Sizoo

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

SAC Roney called on 1/28/65 asking for authority to place microphone coverage on the rooms King and a traveling companion will occupy in the Americana Hotel in New York on 1/29 and 1/30/65. He advised King had been assigned Rooms 3223 and 3225, and that the New York Office has available for coverage purposes Rooms 3323 and 3325, which are one floor above those occupied by King. These rooms were obtained without advice to the hotel of the office's interest in King.

New York stated that in view of King's continued contacts with persons affiliated with communist interests and his general activities, it was considered desirable that microphone coverage be placed on King while in New York. He is scheduled to arrive in New York early 1/29 and leave late 1/30/65. New York also requested authority to pay up to $40 a day for the rooms necessary for monitoring purposes.

ACTION:

I authorized New York to go ahead with the microphone coverage since it will only be on for a short time and in view of the potential for developing intelligence information of interest to us. New York also was authorized to make the necessary expenditures for rental of monitoring space.

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1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Baumgardner
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